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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Pryor

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Indianapolis Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Whereas, The late Marion Stubbs Thomas founded Jack and Jill of America, Inc. on January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

Whereas, Twenty mothers came together to discuss creating an organization to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for African American youth between the ages of two and 19;

Whereas, In 1946, 10 chapters were involved in the national restructuring process, whereby a constitution and bylaws were drawn up and the organization was incorporated

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under the laws of Delaware;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Provisional Chapter of Jack and Jill of America held its first organized meeting on April 3, 1951, at the home of acting chairman Mrs. Mary Hawkins;

Whereas, Dr. Alberta Turner, assisted by Mrs. Miriam Fountain of Pittsburgh, who sponsored the Indianapolis Chapter, installed the provisional chapter at a regular chapter meeting on September 8, 1951, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Evans;

Whereas, The Indianapolis Chapter was the 33rd chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and the seventh chapter of the Midwestern Region;

Whereas, The first Executive Board included Mary Hawkins, President; Shirley Evans, Vice President; Ruby Leah Thomas, Recording Secretary; and Flora DeFrantz, Treasurer; other Charter members included Ruth Bell, Fannie Blackburn, Sarah Daniels, former Indiana State Legislator Dr. Daisy Lloyd, Margaret Mackey, Wilma Sims, and Osma Spurlock;

Whereas, Today the Indianapolis Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. boasts 75 wonderful and engaged mother members, 66 intelligent children, 53 future leaders who are teens, 68 active and supportive fathers, five active associate members, and 12 life members;

Whereas, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. has over 220 chapters nationwide, representing over 30,000 family members with each chapter engaged in annual programming activities guided under a national theme; and

Whereas, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. remains a viable, relevant organization for African American youth that stimulates positive growth and development through social, cultural, and educational opportunities: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes
2 the Indianapolis Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. as a historic
3 African American organization that continues to benefit African
4 American youth in their social, cultural, and educational endeavors.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indianapolis
7 Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

